

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1226

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Bonnie M. Smith on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie M. Smith is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; she will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 28, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith received her bachelor's degree from the Mississippi University of Women in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Smith has served with acumen and alacrity as a speech and language therapist in Memphis City Schools for forty exemplary years, twenty-seven of which were spent at Raleigh-Bartlett Meadows; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with the Division of Exceptional Children, she has rendered sterling service as a mentor to new therapists, as a member of the compliance monitoring team, and as Chairperson of the courtesy fund; and

WHEREAS, a valuable asset to her community, Mrs. Smith also has organized the St. Jude Math-a-thon event at Raleigh-Bartlett Meadows for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie Smith is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout member of Second Baptist Church in Memphis, Bonnie Smith has served the church as an integral member of several committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of volunteerism, public service, and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Bonnie M. Smith our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement from Memphis City Schools and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we reflect fondly upon her exemplary career as an educator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.